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# 162FW Retiree News

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Did  
you  
know?



**"The  
Deuce"**

The Convair F-102A Delta Dagger was flown by the 162nd from 1965 to 1969.

## Military benefits package should be shared with family

*If you, the retiree, already know about, and share, all of your military benefits with your family, that's a good thing. Unfortunately, we know from experience not all retirees share this information. Since most benefits are available to the spouse after the retiree dies, sharing information is essential so your spouse can take advantage of military benefits now and after your gone. If you haven't yet shared this information, start now!*

**1. Your benefits package.** The military retirement benefits package is one of the best around. It includes access to discount groceries, goods and services; travel benefits with reasonable and safe on-base lodging world-wide; life-long TriCare medical benefits for you, your spouse and eligible family members; a monthly financial payment to your spouse if survivors benefits were selected; plus other minor benefits. Most benefits are available to your spouse after you die; however, if you haven't shared benefits information, your family won't know to take advantage of these benefits after you're gone.

**2. Keep your information up to date in the system.** Keeping your family's personal information current and accurate in the government's system is critical to ensure benefits for you and your family. Any changes in marital status, births or deaths not put into the system can cause major problems accessing benefits. Make sure timely status changes are made to military (DFAS - DEERS) and also civilian (OPM - FEGLI) records. Unfortunately, some of our retirees have not kept their records up to date and did not share the benefits package with their spouse and family. Keeping the system updated and family members in the loop is essential to making the system work for you and your family. We often end up having to help surviving spouses because they don't know what to do when a retiree dies. Keeping the family informed will make it easier on everyone - family members and Retirees Office volunteers - when you're no longer around to make decisions for yourself. If you need help, get it now! All it takes is a phone call or an e-mail to the Retirees Office and we will provide guidance to help get your information package together.

**3. Retirees Office - Who we are and what we do.** We are volunteers, retirees ourselves, whose primary interests are ensuring our 162nd retirees know about their earned benefits and to help retirees keep in touch with former coworkers. We keep a list of retirees so we can contact you if necessary. We also generate retirement information, plan events, maintain an e-mail system and keep a retirees page on the 162nd web site. We do all this because we want our retirees and their families to be well informed.

**4. If you sign up and keep the information on our list current, we can help!** If you want us to help you stay informed, first and foremost make sure you have signed up on our retirees list. If we don't have your correct name, address, phone number and e-mail address, we can't keep you in the loop. Once in our files, make sure your information is kept up to date. If you move, change your phone number or e-mail address, and don't update us, we are unable to maintain contact with you.

**5. Electronic info is available - Use it!** Current information is readily available. Our e-mail system is one of the fastest ways to keep up to date. No junk or spam e-mail will be sent; only military and retirement information, plus current information about retiree events and former coworkers. Your computer can access the 162nd web site at [162fw.ang.af.mil](http://162fw.ang.af.mil), where current unit info is available. There is a retirees page on the web site (click on [home/retirees](#)) where we post and update retiree event schedules, relevant news articles, retiree handouts/guide information and current and past newsletters.

**6. No computer? No problem!** Those without a computer and/or e-mail have not been forgotten. We mail paper copies of our periodic newsletters to those without e-mail who have a mailing address listed with us. On request, we also mail out paper copies of benefits information we have created. Our system is simple. If you have e-mail, you get info by e-mail. If you don't have e-mail, you get paper copies in your mail box. This system is designed to cover all the retirees on our list.

**7. Some are not getting the word!** We sometimes run into retirees who are not on our list. If you know someone we are not connected to, suggest they call, mail, or e-mail us. We need only a name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. We will then put them on the list and ensure they get our info. Those already connected can help out by encouraging their not-yet-connected retiree friends to sign on.

**8. Contact us for information!** Our contact info is readily available on the web site and in the upper LH corner of every newsletter. We in the Retirees Office go to great lengths to create and send out valid information. Our goal is for each and every one of our retirees and their family members to be kept in the loop and be aware of their complete retirement benefits package. Help us achieve that goal!

## Retiree Events May - August 2012

**Monthly Retirees Luncheon**  
Held the second Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4380 E. 22nd St., 11:30 a.m. Scheduled dates are:

May 9  
June 13  
July 11  
Aug 8



**Please note the change in location for the White Mountain Breakfast.**

**Seasonal Monthly White Mountain Retirees Breakfast**  
Held the second Wednesday of each month from May to September. The new location for this event is Mama Bear's Restaurant, 2849 W. White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside, AZ, 7:30 a.m. Scheduled dates are:

May 9  
June 13  
July 11  
Aug 8



**Monthly Flightline Luncheon**  
Held the last Monday of each month at the Skybox Restaurant, NE corner of River and Craycroft, 12 noon. Scheduled dates are:

May 28  
June 25  
July 30  
Aug 27



## Get your Estate Plan and Survivor Benefit Guide NOW!

Our new estate and survivor benefits planning guide is available on-line at [162fw.ang.af.mil](http://162fw.ang.af.mil), click on [home/retirees](#). The guide is on the retirees page and available for download.

If you don't have a computer call, e-mail or mail a request to the address listed in the upper LH corner of this page. We will send you a paper copy.

All of our retirees need to talk to their spouses about benefits and set up an estate plan. Our guide has all the contacts needed for free assistance. If you are already set up, good for you. If you're not set up; do something now!



## Retirees Remembered



The following former 162nd members have recently passed away:

**Richard Alan Groben.** Alan served with the 162nd as a member of the maintenance management team.

**Albert "Al" Blankenship.** Al will be remembered for his service to the unit in Civilian Personnel and Base Ops.

**Edward "Ed" McIntyre.** Ed was one of the early unit members who helped create a positive culture in Base Supply.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of these former Guardsmen.

## White Mountain Retirees Picnic details are set

On June 21, 2012 the 8th annual White Mountain ANG Retirees Picnic will be held at Fool Hollow Lake State Park located just west of Show Low. Start time is 3 p.m. It's a great opportunity to visit old friends while enjoying the pine-scented air in Arizona's White Mountains.



The cost remains a reasonable \$12.50 per person. A quality Mexican meal will be catered but remember to bring your own drinks (BYOD). An advanced head-count for the caterers is needed so please RSVP with a check no later than 12 June to:

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**This is a family-friendly event**

If you have questions call the Retirees Office at (520) 295-6663. If no answer, leave a message. We will get back to you.

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